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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	10/809,658	TANG ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Vibol Tan	2819

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 and 8-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-6,8-18,36-38,41 and 42 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 19,32,34,35,39 and 40 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 20-31 and 33 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 19, 32, 34,39 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Smith (US 2004/0064622A1).

In claim 19, Smith teaches all claimed features in Fig. 2, a programmable device (17) adapted to be connected in parallel to two or more memory devices (SDRAM BANK0, BANK1) such that the programmable device is adapted to receive configuration data stored in the two or more memory devices without transmitting the configuration data via a controller (no memory controller) connected between any of the memory devices and the programmable device, wherein the programmable device is adapted to receive a different portion of the configuration data from each different memory device (inherent).

In claim 32, Smith further teaches the invention of claim 19, wherein each of one or more output pins of the programmable device is adapted to be connected to corresponding pins of all of the memory devices (pins not shown).

In claims 34 and 39, Smith teaches all claimed features in Fig. 2, an apparatus comprising: a programmable device (17); and two or more memory devices (SDRAM BANK0, BANK1), wherein: the programmable device is connected in parallel to each memory device such that the programmable device is adapted to receive configuration data stored in the two or more memory devices (inherent) without transmitting the configuration data via a controller (no memory controller) connected between any of the memory devices and the programmable device, wherein the programmable device is adapted to receive a different portion of the configuration data from each different memory device (inherent); and wherein the different portions of the configuration data are adapted to be simultaneously transmitted in parallel to the programmable device.

Claims 35 and 40 correspond to detailed circuitry already discussed similarly with regard to claims 34 and 39.

3. Claims 1-6, 8-18, 36-38 and 41-42 appear to comprise allowable subject matters.
4. Claims 20-31 and 33 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 19, 34 and 35 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

The newly applied reference of Smith anticipates all claimed features of claims 19, 32, 34, 35, 39 and 40 under 35 U.S.C.102(e), as set forth above.

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vibol Tan whose telephone number is (571) 272-1811. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:00 AM-4:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on (571) 272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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